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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2004, review and reconsideration of the application in view of Applicants' remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-19, 21, 22, 24-40, 42, and 43 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully submit all pending claims are in condition for allowance for at least the following reasons.

Applicants' thank Examiner Aughenbaugh for reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 42 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Maier et al. in view of Harrison et al., as first set forth in paragraph 19 of Paper 6.

**35 USC § 132**

The amendment filed May 26, 2004, has been objected to under 35 USC § 132 as introducing new matter into the disclosure. According to the Patent Office, The added material not supported by the original disclosure is the recitation in claims 1, 21 and 42 that "the microbeads have a change in b\* value that falls within the claimed range." Applicants' note that only claim 42 was amended in the filing of May 26, 2004, and that such language was already